

Emil A. and Geraldine Engelman House  
318 Mornigside Drive  
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Location: 318 Morningside Drive

Date of Erection: 1939

Description: This compact, one-and-a-half-story, side-gabled cottage is clad in wide weatherboard siding, with asphalt shingles in the large shed dormer. A shed roof projects over a nondescript porch with simple, round columns. The front door and windows are modern. The most remarkable feature of this house is its well-tended shrubbery and the variety of artful plantings in the back and side yards.

History: Landscape gardener Emil A. Engelman, son of Pennsylvania Railroad head gardener Emil Engelman, built this house for himself and his wife, Geraldine, in 1939, with second-hand materials scavenged in part from the demolition of the PRR's Cricket Club. The lot, which he inherited, had long been part of his father's landscape nursery. Emil A.'s will conveyed the house to his daughter in 1988.

Sources: Map: 1951. City directories. Tax records. Deed books: 149/17, 149/20, 286/230, 286/232, 444/533, 1164/324. Interview: Geraldine Engelman, 318 Morningside Dr., June 18, 1989.

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